

Thailand Bars UPI Manager

BANGKOK — Leon Daniel, Bangkok bureau manager of United Press International, has been declared persona non grata.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday an order bars him from returning to Thailand.

"I haven't been told anything official so far," Daniel said.

Thai officials reported

the order dated May 3, was signed by the acting minister of the interior, following recommendations by the police special branch and the army security affairs division.

The Foreign Ministry

spokesman said the order was given because stories Daniel had written were considered unfriendly to Thailand and had endangered security.

Thai officials did not specify any stories.